



COMMUNITY NEWS

District 1

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CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

The Crime Free Multi Housing Program was introduced to Scottsdale in 1994 to make apartment communities safer. The program creates a partnership between the Scottsdale Police Department, the apartment management and residents. The program teaches active management techniques and resident participation.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is designed to help owners, residents and the managers of rental properties keep illegal activity off their property. The program is "solution oriented." It takes a coordinated effort between the property owners, managers, law enforcement and residents to reduce illegal activity in their neighborhood.

In the first year the Scottsdale Police Department implemented the program, there was a 90% reduction in police calls for service from some rental properties. This was a true tribute of the additional eyes and ears of the community members watching out for each other and having a plan by calling the police when they saw something that appeared to be suspicious.

The program uses a unique 3-Phase approach. The three phases are:

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From The Desk Of Commander Scott Popp

The Scottsdale Police Department is committed to providing exceptional police services to the citizens of Scottsdale. The operational goals of the Uniformed Services Bureau are:

- Prevent crime and disorder
- Respond promptly to calls for service
- Enhance traffic safety
- Maintain the integrity, quality and effectiveness of policing services
- Develop safer neighborhoods through community partnerships

One of the key components to "developing safer neighborhoods through community partnerships" is addressed by the Neighborhood Watch program. Our goal in the Civic Center District is to establish a Neighborhood Watch on every block.

The Neighborhood Watch program has proven effective in reducing crime and increasing communication between the police department and citizens of Scottsdale. Over the next few months, Watch Captains will be receiving a personal visit by one of the members of our beat teams. If you do not have contact or you wish to start a Neighborhood Watch on your street, please contact me directly.

Commander Scott Popp

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Phase One

Apartment management attends an 8-hour seminar that covers:

- Working with the police and fire departments,
- Warning signs of illegal activity
- Crime prevention strategies
- Crime free-drug free lease addendum
- Becoming a more pro-active property manager
- Strengthening rental agreements
- Resident and employee screening
- The eviction process
- Arizona Residential Landlord/Tenant Act
- Building a community

Phase Two

A CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) inspection is performed by a Crime Free Multi-Housing coordinator. The CPTED inspection determines that the property meets the minimum security standards of the program. The minimum standards include: security locks, effective lights, and well-maintained landscaping.

Phase Three

The apartment management organizes a crime prevention event or “safety social” to educate residents about the program and their responsibilities while living on the property.

At the completion of all three phases, the property will be granted permission to use the Crime Free Multi-Housing signs stating they have joined the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The property will also be granted use of the program’s logo for marketing purposes. The property will be audited annually for compliance in order to grant a renewal certificate.

This nationally recognized program has proved to be effective in helping property owners, management and residents. The tools of the program can stop the spread of criminal activity in rental properties.

To learn more about the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, contact Officer Kory Sneed at: (480) 312-0275 or ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov

Summer Safety

As the summer months approach, there are two things among many to keep in mind. First, never leave a child or animal inside a vehicle unattended. If the A/C shut off, the inside temperature could reach an excess of 140 degrees inside the passenger compartment. Second, never leave children unattended around water. It only takes a second for a child to fall in. Let’s make this summer a safe one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21, 2007

Darfur!Darfur

The internationally touring photographic exhibition Darfur!Darfur will be presented at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on May 21 at 7 p.m. General Admission tickets are available for \$15 through the box office at 480.994.ARTS. A special benefit reception with the guest speakers follows the program. Call for prices and tickets. Proceeds will be used to assist non-governmental humanitarian organizations providing on-the-ground medical and social care in and around Darfur. 7 p.m.

May 28, 2007

Memorial Day

Although city offices will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day, trash will still be collected as scheduled. Simply place your container where your trash is typically picked up by 5 a.m. the morning of collection or the evening before. Call 480.312.5600 for more information.

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 or e-mail: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.